

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Actions from previous meetings</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	31 March 2015

**Purpose of Report:** To advise the Commission of the actions arising from previous meetings

**Recommended Action:** To note the report

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## 1. Introduction

This report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission with an update on the actions arising from the meeting held on 24 February 2015.

## 2. Actions

- 2.1 **Resolution:** Officers would provide further information regarding ID 2951 (Public Rights of Way Case Programme) to members at the next meeting.

**Action/ Response:** The PROW Case Programmes cover all the key areas of PROW work, Path Orders (which are about the legal aspects of managing the network, diversions, claimed paths, extinguishments and the like), maintenance and enforcement (again linked to legal aspects).

There are considerably greater demands from the public and stakeholders for this kind of work than we have resource for, either in Countryside or in Legal Services. Therefore what we do each year is bring forward for agreement by the Portfolio Member a list of the 'cases' we believe we can deal with in each financial year. This is based on the amount of time that a case or request for works, or enforcement etc has been on our case list but also by applying some sensible judgements based on their importance to the local community, health and safety, crime considerations, i.e. public benefit.

Once agreed these are the priorities we work to. However there is flexibility for cases to come forward as urgent considerations, then the Portfolio Member, advised by officers, can agree to determine a case 'in year'. Often a case drops off the programme as a consequence. The overall benefits are significant as customers and Stakeholders get to know when a case is likely to be determined and this has reduced significantly the numbers of 1st and 2nd stage complaints we receive.

- 2.2 **Resolution:** The scrutiny request form for Item OSMC/12/149 (Newbury Parking) would be circulated to the Commission.

**Action/ Response:** The form requesting the item be scrutinized is shown at Appendix A. The minutes from the meeting of 2 July 2013 (when it was resolved that parking in Newbury would be added to the Commission's work programme) record:

*Councillor Tony Vickers drew the Commission's attention to the suggested scrutiny topic of the Newbury town centre parking policy. Members were advised that the topic was discussed at the Resource Management Working Group, during which it was agreed that the topic would be submitted to the OSMC for consideration. Councillor Vickers explained that the topic was considered an asset management issue and a concern for local residents. The suggested scope of scrutiny was to explore the utilisation of Council owned parking spaces and opportunities to extend their use for local residents. Councillor Vickers and Councillor Mason provided the Commission with examples of new developments in Newbury that did not have designated parking spaces, therefore, which further reduced the parking availability for residents in the area.*

*Councillor Vickers raised the concern that current reviews underway by the Business Improvement District (BID) and Council Officers considered related to parking matters for commuters and visitors to Newbury. Councillor Jeff Brooks*

*advised the Commission that it had been ten years since the last review of and suggested a holistic review was required.*

*The Commission discussed the scope of the reviews underway by the BID and Council Officers respectively and recommended that they conclude their activity before the item was considered for scrutiny.*

2.3 **Resolution:** The work programme would include and assessment of the delegation levels for procurement and the thresholds for Member involvement in contract.

**Action/ Response:** Completed.

2.4 **Resolution:** Officers would provide the 2014/2015 Risk fund expenditure to date.

**Action/ Response:** To date, no funds have been released from the risk reserve to Adult Social Care. It is however anticipated that by the end of the financial year the risk reserve will be called upon to fund named presenting risks in year. The exact amount will not be known until outturn but in month 11 it stood at approximately £200k.

2.5 **Resolution:** Melanie Ellis would provide historic information regarding the Q3 to year end outturn for Resources.

**Action/ Response:** Resources Directorate Month 9 forecast to outturn:

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Resources	£K	£K	£K	£K	£K	£K
Month 9 forecast	-22	-133	-167	-429	-224	-483
Outturn	-115	-416	-427	-519	-380	-664
Change	-93	-283	-260	-90	-156	-181

## Appendix

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Appendix A Newbury Parking item scrutiny request